

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Drawings

Corrections to the drawings as understood have been made. One Replacement Page for each corrected drawing as well as red marked sheets illustrating the drawing changes are contained in an Appendix to this Amendment.

The draftsman's objections to the drawings appear limited to the quality of the lines and numbers. Apparently these drawings are sufficient for purposes of examination and substitute drawings will be submitted upon receipt of a notice of allowance.

Specification

The specification has been amended as required in the rejection.

Claims

Claim 7 has been amended to recite that the outer layer and the anchor layer comprise separate fabrics or sheets, not opposite sides of the same fabric 15a as in Bernard. According to Claim 7 as amended, the sling is attached to and detachable from only the anchor layer, not the outer layer.

The claims as now amended are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and corrections have been made to the specification and drawings. The application is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance and issuance of a Notice of Allowance in response to this amendment is courteously solicited.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Pitts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

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Appendix

Replacement Sheets containing Figs. 4, 4A, 5, 8 and 9

Drawing sheets showing corrections to these Figures, but not identified as Replacement Pages are also submitted..

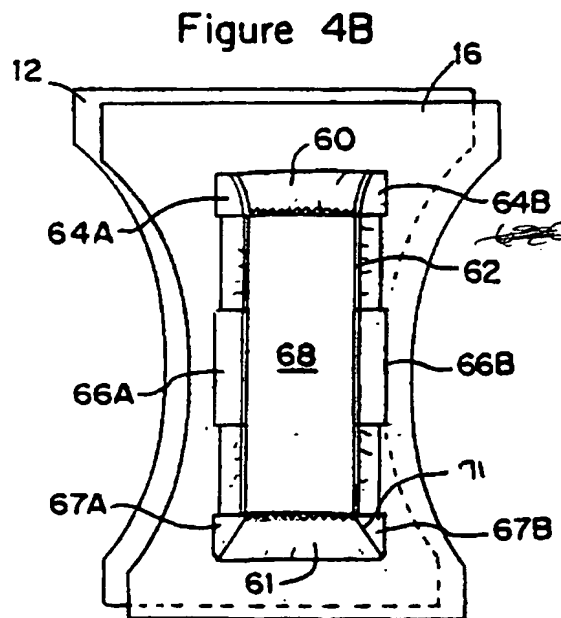
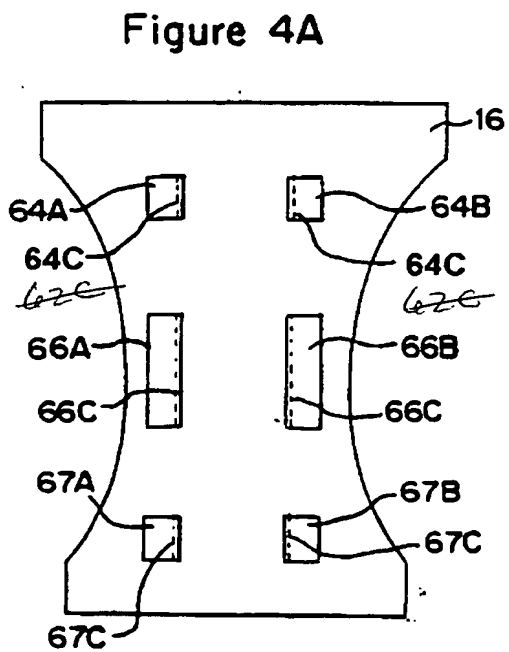
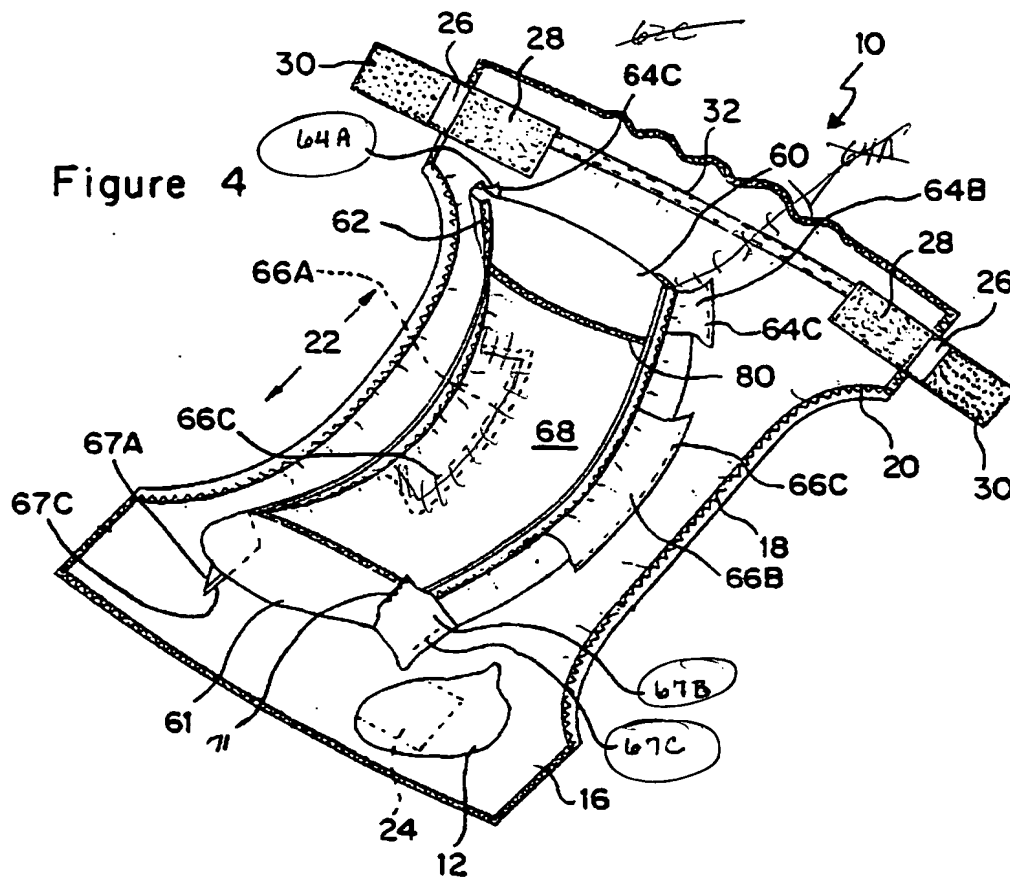


Figure 5

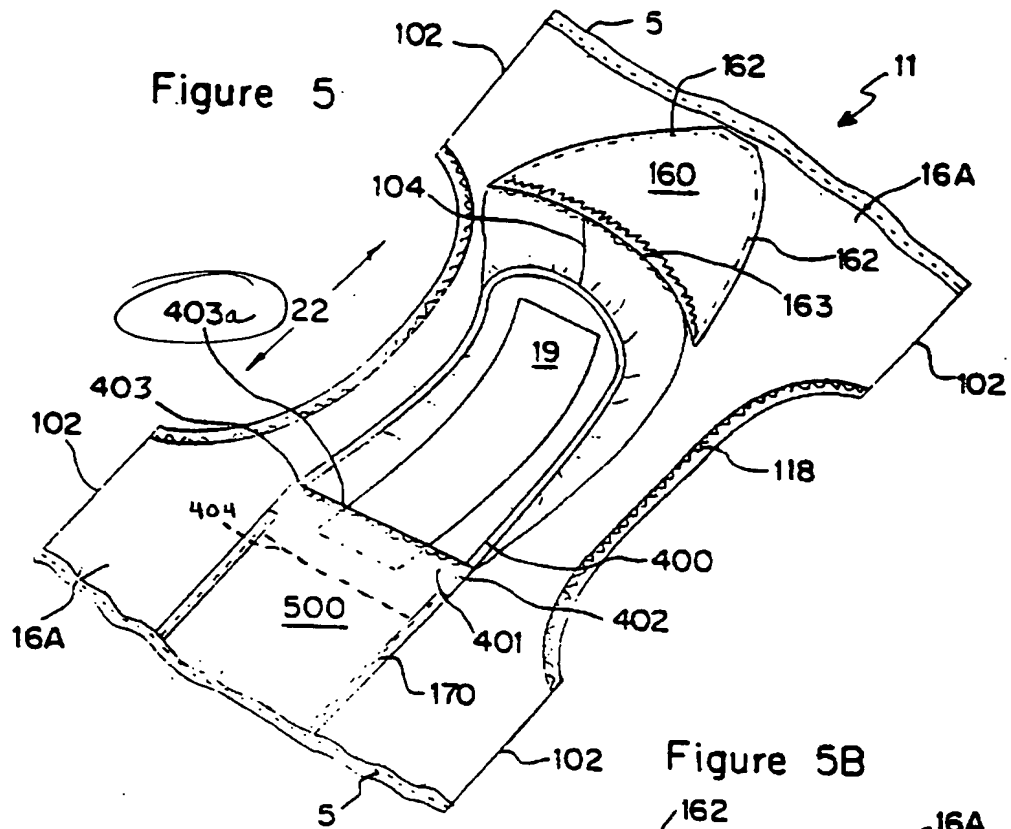


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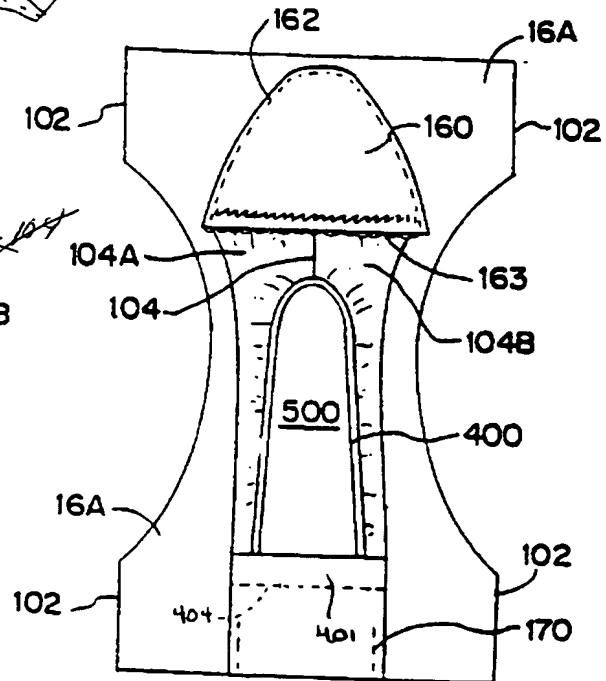


Figure 5A

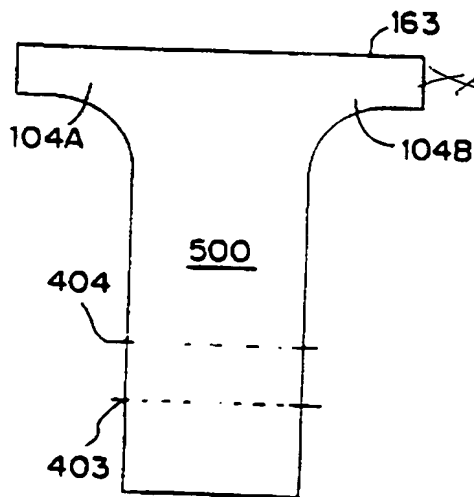


Figure 8

